



**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
MONTANA STATE PRISON
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE**

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I. PURPOSE

To maintain a secure perimeter around the facility compounds consistent with a multi-level custody facility for adult male inmates and prevent unauthorized traffic on to and off of MSP property.

II. DEFINITIONS

Security Major - the person designated by the Warden to manage all MSP security operations.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Responsibility

The Security Major and Maintenance Supervisor are jointly responsible for the maintenance and functioning of the MSP perimeter security system.

B. Security Measures

1. Barriers
 - a. There must be a minimum of a 20-foot separation between the secure perimeter fences, and sufficient rolled and tape-type razor ribbon will be in place on all perimeter fences to deter penetration or mounting of these fences.
 - b. Vegetation growth inside and outside the compounds and along the secure perimeter will be controlled through the use of weed killers, mowing, trimming, etc.
 - c. To deter aircraft landing, the Warden may authorize the installation of "ground clutter" inside the fenced compounds in the form of trees, light standards, or high mast poles with cables strung between them and buildings.
 - d. The front and rear entrances of the secure compound will incorporate sally ports that are interlocked in such a way that only one of the two doors or gates can be opened at any time.
 - e. In compounds with less secure perimeters, the Warden must ensure that adequate measures are in place to prevent unauthorized exit or entry.
2. Detection Systems
 - a. The electronic intrusion detection system will be monitored in the control center or another continuously manned post.
 - b. In the event MSP Maintenance staff are unable to maintain the electronic intrusion detection system, maintenance will be obtained through a contract with a maintenance provider that specifies the availability of 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year repair service.

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3. Lighting
 - a. The secure perimeter and all adjacent areas will have adequate lighting sufficient to provide visibility of the secure perimeter and the facility's compounds under all reasonably foreseeable weather conditions.
 - b. The high-intensity, high-mast perimeter lighting must be connected to a generator backup system.
 - c. Supplementary lighting may be instituted in the event of an emergency, or limited visibility weather conditions.
 - c. In the event that MSP Maintenance staff are unable to maintain these lighting systems, maintenance will be obtained through a contract with a maintenance provider that specifies the availability of a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year repair service.
4. Patrols and Surveillance
 - a. The direct perimeter surveillance consists of vehicular patrol and tower posts.
 - b. These posts will be manned seven days a week, 24 hours a day, by armed staff. Selected posts may be left unmanned at designated times based on the security needs of the facility.
 - c. Additional posts may be instituted in the event of an emergency, or limited visibility weather conditions.

IV. CLOSING

Questions concerning this procedure will be directed to the Security Major.

V. ATTACHMENTS

None